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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, applicants hereby bring Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open no. 11-136673 and an English Abstract of same furnished by the Japanese Patent Office to the attention of the examiner. This document is identified and discussed in the specification of this application and is listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and it be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

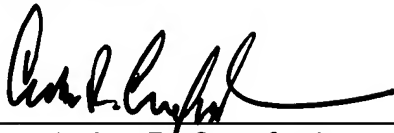
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